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COUNTY OF SISKIYOU

September 8, 2009

Siskiyou County Superior Court
Attn: Jan Peery
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Re: Required Reporting for Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations
Federal Funds for Dorris Submitted June 30, 2009

Dear Grand Jury:

The Dorris City Clerk submits the following response to the Findings and Recommendations on the complaint of Federal Funds for Dorris

This letter is issued in accordance with California Penal Code sections 933 & 933.05

Findings:

#8 – I disagree – As the City Official most often referred to in the Conflict of Interest section of the report, I am questioning your “apparent” Conflict of Interest findings and statement. It is true that my parents received a loan as well as my two sons. But of the 70 plus loans currently active in the loan pool those are the only 3 people that are related to me. Yes, my ex-husband has a loan, but this loan was received after our divorce and long before I was elected to my position. As far as his new wife and her son, these people should not enter into any Conflict of Interest as they are not my family, immediate or otherwise. I do not have a sister in law with a loan and as far as nephews, I am an only child. I have no siblings, no nephews. During

extensive interviews by your committee these "facts" were disputed and explained. When your report was written, you obviously decided not to accept the truth as presented by me and published false information. Before any application was submitted by any of my family we were assured a conflict did not exist. The City Officials including myself have participated in two Conflict of Interest training sessions, in 2006 and 2008, and are very conscious of perception.

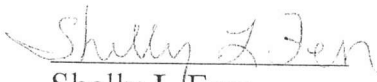
#14 – I disagree – Anyone who has questions that are not easily answered by the office staff are immediately referred to the Great Northern Housing Rehab Staff. We make every effort to efficiently take care of our citizens and their problems. No one has ever been turned away needing answers to housing questions.

Recommendations:

#8 – The City Officials and staff have received Conflict of Interest training in December of 2006 and again in December of 2008. This will continue on a biannual basis. Any other questions will be directed to the State Department of Housing and Community Development.

#14 – A simple instruction sheet in both English and Spanish would be helpful.

Sincerely


Shelly L. Ferr
City Clerk

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